

**GEORGIA ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN LAWYERS
FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT 2012-2013**

The **GEORGIA ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN LAWYERS FOUNDATION** (GAWL Foundation) is currently seeking qualified applicants for the GAWL Foundation Scholarships to be awarded to deserving second and third year female law students in Georgia.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The GAWL Foundation Scholarships are intended to:

Recognize women law students who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence and an aptitude for leadership and philanthropy;

Promote excellence in legal studies by providing assistance to deserving students; and

Advance the missions of both the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers and the GAWL Foundation, which include: enhancing the welfare and development of women lawyers and supporting their interests and encouraging philanthropy by women lawyers in Georgia for the benefit of the greater community.

AWARDS GIVEN:

Two to four scholarships are given each year, contingent on the applicant pool and scholarship funds raised at the GAWL Foundation Art Auction. Finalists receive a free, one-year GAWL membership and are the guests of honor at the GAWL Foundation Art Auction in April 2013.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

Current second or third year female law students enrolled at a Georgia law school (i.e., not “rising” second year female law students).

CRITERIA:

Scholarships are awarded to applicants who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, leadership and philanthropic potential, and a strong commitment to the profession. Involvement in programs that advance or support women in the profession and in the community and participation in community service activities are given particular consideration.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Postmarked or e-mailed no later than March 1, 2013.

AWARD DATE:

At GAWL’s Annual Dinner in May 2013. Finalists are expected to attend the GAWL Foundation Art Auction.

GAWL FOUNDATION 2012-2013 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address (through May 2013): _____

Address (for summer 2013):* _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

*If unknown, provide address/number of someone who will be able to reach you during the summer.

II. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Law School: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____ Law School Rank: _____

<u>College/Universities Attended</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Major/Minor</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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A. Other Graduate Degrees: _____

B. Please list any academic honors you received during your undergraduate, post-graduate or law school education:

C. Please describe any groups at your law school with which you have been involved and any positions of leadership you currently hold or have held in such groups:

III. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Please list your employment following college graduation (including any legal clerkships):

<u>Employer Name and Address</u>	<u>Position/Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
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IV. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Please attach to this application a summary of your involvement in any social, civic, religious, professional or other community groups working to support or advance women’s issues (including any leadership roles you currently hold or have held in such groups).

V. REFERENCES

Please provide two letters of reference from persons who have observed your academic, professional, leadership, philanthropic, and/or other involvement in activities that you believe qualify you for this scholarship. You may attach the letters of reference to this application OR request that each individual mail the letters separately to the address listed below with your name clearly referenced in the letter OR request that each individual submit a letter via separate email to the email address listed below with your name clearly referenced in the subject line of the email and in the letter. Please provide the following information for the two individuals who are providing your recommendation letters:

Reference One

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Reference Two

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

VI. PERSONAL AND CAREER STATEMENTS

- A. Please attach a personal statement explaining why you are a deserving candidate for a GAWL Foundation Scholarship. Address how you embody the scholarship criteria and how you plan to continue to pursue these goals in the future. Please also feel free to include any other information not requested on this application that you believe qualifies you for a GAWL Foundation Scholarship.

CRITERIA:

- Involvement in programs that affect and/or promote the advancement of women in the profession and in the community.
 - Participation in community outreach activities and/or philanthropic endeavors.
 - Demonstrated leadership ability.
 - Commitment to the legal profession.
 - Academic achievement.
- B. Please attach a statement explaining how this scholarship would benefit you personally.
- C. Please attach a general statement of your career objectives and your expectations with respect to the practice of law. Please limit your statement to 200 words.

Please apply online at www.GAWL.org.

Please forward attachments and an official copy of your law school transcript, postmarked or e-mailed by March 1, 2013 to:

Betsy Giesler, Executive Director
Georgia Association for Women Lawyers
3855 Spalding Bluff Drive
Norcross, Georgia 30092
gawldirector@gmail.com

Or you may return the completed Application, Attachments, and an official copy of your law school transcript, postmarked or e-mailed by March 1, 2013 to Ms. Giesler at the address above.

*If you email your application but mail your law school transcript and/or attachments, please indicate in your cover email that the transcript and/or attachments will follow via U.S. mail.

CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS:

- Kyllan Kershaw – gawlscholarships@gmail.com – GAWL Foundation Board member
- Maria Tsagaris – gawlscholarships@gmail.com – GAWL Foundation Board member